GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Increase in Freight Charges
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rail freight charges have been increased to 10 per cent by the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for increase in said freight charges; and

(c) whether the Government revenue has increased as a result of increase of rail freight charges and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. With a view to offset the increase in input costs and to meet the requirement of additional resources for expansion and modernization of Indian Railways, the freight rates have been increased by 10 percent with effect from 01.04.2015 along with rationalization in distance slabs. However, while there was no increase in freight rates in case of salt for human consumption, the increase in case of Coal, Cement, Iron or Steel, Iron Ore and Petroleum products was lower due to reduction in classification of these commodities.
(c) With the above changes, Railways have generated an additional revenue of ? 4690 crore up to the end of January 2016 compared to the last year.
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